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We have owned property on Sea Ranch for the past 25 years and am concerned about the possible closure of The Sea Ranch (TSR). While I understand the purpose of the MLPA's, it does not make sense to close TSR. Here are my supporting thoughts:

1. The Sea Ranch covers 12 miles of private coastline. It is only accessible to the public in a couple of access areas and managed by TSR association. As an owner, we pay yearly dues to keep this piece of coastal land in its natural state. In my opinion, they do a very good job patrolling these areas and enforcing strict rules on fishing and diving. During very low tides, they even have volunteers at each of the entrances to the west side of HWY 1 to make sure people are not trespassing. With this type of management and enforcement, the MLPA would be better suited in other areas that are less managed.
2. With the strict management and private nature of the property, TSR offers some of the best diving and fishing on the coast. I have been diving and fishing for the past 25 years at TSR and have not noticed any difference/decline in the quality of the fish/ab harvested from this area.
3. If the purpose of the MLPA is to conserve the coastline and its native species (Rock Cod/Abalone), then there are plenty of other public areas that would be better suited to enforce this conservation. With limited public access to the coast, the Fort Ross/Salt Point areas get a tremendous amount of pressure from fisherman and divers. During a low tide, take a drive on HWY 1 between Jenner and Salt Point and you can see the amount of divers at the public access points. If they are truly looking to preserve this area of the coast, the logical MLPA would be Gerstle Cove to Black Point. With the limited coastal access, strict rules/regulation, and an active security force to Sea Ranch, the Sea Ranch is already functioning as an active MLPA. That is why the great fishing and diving has been preserved for many years.

In closing, it is my belief that TSR does a great job of marine preservation and offers some of the best fishing and diving on the CA coast. With limited coastal access, strict rules/regulations, and an active security force to ensure individuals are not breaking laws, it should remain this way for years to come. I have 3 small children (1 mon, 7 and 9 years old) that I would like to see have the same great opportunities (Fishing and diving) that I have been given for the past 25 years.

Thank you,  
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